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INVOLVEMENT OF PHYSICAL THERAPISTS (PT) AS PROVIDERS OF  
ELECTROMYOGRAPHY/NERVE CONDUCTION VELOCITY TESTING  
(ET) IN RURAL MICHIGAN

IN MANY AREAS, MICHIGAN IS THINLY POPULATED WITH A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THE POPULATION LIVING IN AREAS **AWAY** FROM THE METROPOLITAN AREAS. MOST OF THE NEEDY PATIENTS ARE THEREFORE, NOT ABLE TO HAVE AN EASY AND TIMELY ACCESS TO SPECIALTY MEDICAL CARE.

HOME HEALTH AGENCIES HAVE INCREASED MANY FOLDS IN THE PAST TWO DECADES AND LARGE NUMBER OF THEM SERVE THE MEDICAL NEEDS IN THE RURAL COMMUNITIES. HOWEVER, THE CONSUMER HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO RECEIVE SERVICES FROM ALL THE NEEDED MEDICAL SPECIALTIES, EITHER DUE TO THE SHORTAGE OR LACK OF INTEREST OF QUALIFIED PROVIDERS. ET IS ONE SUCH **SHORTAGE SUBSPECIALTY IN THE RURAL MICHIGAN.**

I AM A PT WITH DOCTORATE LEVEL EDUCATION AND HAVE BEEN PROVIDING ET SERVICES TO THE HOME BOUND PATIENTS IN RURAL MICHIGAN FOR THE PAST TEN PLUS YEARS AND HAVE PRACTICED FOR THE PAST 30 PLUS YEARS. WHEN I STARTED TO PRACTICE, THERE WERE NO BOARD CERTIFICATIONS IN THE USA OR ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD. THE BILL **HB 4325** IN THE PRESENT FORM DOES NOT ALLOW MYSELF OR OTHER THERAPISTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN THE BOARD CERTIFICATION. THUS TAKING AWAY ONES LIVELIHOOD FOR NO GOOD REASON.

SEEING PATIENTS IN A HOME SETTING IS VERY TIME CONSUMING AS ONE HAS TO TRAVEL BETWEEN PATIENTS IN A RURAL SETTING. THIS MEANS FEWER PATIENTS CAN BE SEEN IN A DAY, CAUSING MANY PROVIDERS TO AVOID THIS PRACTICE AREA. THESE PATIENTS HOWEVER, ARE OFTEN IN POOR HEALTH AND ARE DEFINITELY IN NEED OF MEDICAL SERVICES. PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO OTHER PROVIDER KNOWN TO ME WHO PROVIDES ET SERVICES TO HOME BOUND PATIENTS IN EASTERN MICHIGAN. I SINCERELY HOPE THAT THE LAW MAKERS WILL **OPPOSE THE HOUSE BILL 4325** AS IT NEITHER ADDRESSES THE REAL ISSUES NOR SERVE ANY PURPOSE; AS ALL THE CLAIMS MADE BY THE PHYSICIAN GROUP IN THEIR SUPPORT HAS BEEN SHOWN TO LACK OBJECTIVITY AND QUITE FRANKLY BASELESS EVER SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE BILL ORIGINALLY IN OCTOBER OF 2003.

I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT WE CAN RESOLVE OUR - THE PHYSICIAN GROUP AND THE PHYSICAL THERAPY GROUP; DIFFERENCES SO THAT EVERYBODY CAN BE HAPPY. ALL WE HAVE TO DO, IS TO LISTEN TO EACH OTHER'S SIDE WITH AN **OPEN MIND** AND JOIN HANDS TOGETHER TO FIGHT AGAINST THE UNQUALIFIED PROVIDERS AND PROVIDE SUPERIOR CARE TO OUR RESIDENTS OF THE GREAT STATE OF MICHIGAN. AND THAT IS WHAT THIS BILL SHOULD BE ABOUT. LASTLY, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK, WITH DUE RESPECT, EVERYONE OF YOU THAT IF YOU WERE TO PASS THIS BILL AS IS: **THEN WHO HAS GIVEN YOU THE RIGHT TO TAKE AWAY MY LIVELY HOOD WITHOUT ANY REASON.**

THANK YOU.

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